

on all has, quickefull volewes, as a commoner strake at me equal I fay; & I  
tare to doome you're selfe or me, in my bloudy hand hold by me, as they  
say'd to me, saye sumwhat I saye, & then can we thralld you all of other  
fame, & banishfull greate A. aboute what lawe you will have  
and reward you, & have me remitt me of that, & let me goe, when you  
will, & when you will have me goe, & then will I be no more removd.

# Protestant Prentice's LOYAL ADVICE

To all his  
Fellow-Apprentices

In and about L O N D O N .

In relation to present Occurrences, and the Attempts lately  
made to debauch some of them into pernicious  
Undertakings and Tumults.

By T. S. APPRENTICE.

Dear Country-men and Fellow-prentices,

A S no Squintey'd Designe to drive on any *fassions* Interest (the unhappy Gall and poisonous Vitriol which composes most of the Ink that is dayly spilt in Pamphlets) prompts me to this Address: so neither has the vanity of *bring in Print* (that giddy Feather which moves so many Pens) any share in its production, I am not insensible how little qualify'd I am, both in years, Learning, and Judgment, to give *Counsel* (especially publickly) to others, who too much need it my self. However, conceiving some wholsome *Memoranda's* and *Cautions* might not unseasonably be offered to you in this Juncture, as well for your own sake as that of the publick Tranquillity, and not observeying any body yet to have condescended to that necessary pains, I shall presume in surfaigned Love to you all, to offer what occurs to my thoughts; which, though in it self but weak and rude, yet proceeding from one of your own *Rank and Condition*, may possibly in that respect be better accepted and regarded by you, than more strenuous or digested Reasons from another, though more able, yet less agreeable Hand. 'Tis more than probable some *Oui andish Quacks* have lately beene trifling amongit you; (for *Park* does not extrelys all the *Poxers*, quely bers attaque the Body, ours the minde,) and Youth is most liable (*Physicians' Law*) to *Infection*. 'Tis therefore highly necessary to prepare you an *Antidote*, some small Dose of *Loyal bearing Oyl* to expell that *Venome*, if unwarily you have happened to be sipping at their *Cups of Intoxicacion*.

Though I hope you have better minded your *Masters Business*, and the respective Callings God hath plac'd you in, than to trifle away much of your time in Reading *Gazettes* and *Currants*; yet I presume you cannot be ignorant, that there was sometime since by a *Miracle of Mercy Discovered*, a most *Damnable Plot* of the *Papists*, to Murder his Sacred Majesty, Subvert the Government, Root out the Protestant Religion in these Kingdoms, *Murder* the Professors therof, and introduce *Popery*. *Popery*! that *Enemy to God*, by setting up *Idols* To *Christ*, by its new found *Mediations*; To the *Holy Ghost*, by putting *Pope* in his place; To the *Scriptures*, by its lying corrupt *Traditions*; To *Reason*, by its imposed *Absurdities*; To *common sense*, by its most foolish but most *Idolatrous Transubstantiations*; To all tender Consciences, by *Fire* and *Plagues*, and to all Civil Governments that refuse to be subject to it, by *Treasons* and *Assassinations*. This *monstrous detestable Popery*, that hath so often conspired *Englands Ruine*, and several times been at the very point of effecting it, was *That* wherewith they would again have enslaved us and our Posterity. To attest and confirm the reality and certainty of this black *Conspiracy*, we have His Majesties repeated *Proclamations*; the Votes of two several *Parliaments*, *Nemine contradicente*; *Lords Spiritual*, *Lords Temporal*, and *Commons*, all fully satisfied of it; we have the *publick prayer* of our Church prescribed on that occasion; the fair and convincing proofs in the *Judicial proceedings* against divers of the said *Conspirators*, the flight of several of them from Justice, and the undeniable Evidence of *Celansus Letters* under his own Hand; divers of which were never yet Printed. Nay, themselves have added yet *further Testimony* of the truth of their Plot; by their affious and unreasonable *denials* of what is so evident, and by the several *bafle Arts* they have used to make it disbelieved, and stife the Discovery: as sometimes offering to corrupt the Evidence with vast sums of *Money*, as *Reading* with Mr. *Bedloe*; and *Price* and *Tasbrongh* with Mr. *Dugdale*: sometimes by *Suborning false Witnesses*, as *Knox* and *Lane*; but especially by the noise of an *Imaginary Conspiracy*, which themselves had hatcht by *Hellish Fierceries*, and were to carry on by *bloody Perfuits*, to take away the *Lives* of many thousands of *Innocent Protestants*, many of them of most eminent *Quality*, approved *Loyalty*, and strictly zealous Members of the *Establisht Church of England*, as appeared by the practise against Colonel *Mansel*; and the *Papers* taken there, and at *Mrs. Celiers House*, &c. And though Providence was pleased thus from time to time to lay open all these villanies; yet to shew that their *wickedness* can be exceeded by nothing but their *Impudence*, they to this day still go on to pursue the same methods, to out-brazen their own *Treasons*, and amuse and divide the Nation with stories, (without the least ground) of some *Ill Designes* on foot of the *Presbyterians*, with which obnoxious Term they brand all that are active against their *Traitorous projects*, and by their perpetual noise, the *witchcraft* of their many insinuating *Pamphlets*, and their *Hearding* themselves with the *Church of England*, (though thill these very men are the greatest *underminers* of that excellent *Fabrick*) they have prevailed with too many well-meaning people to credit those mischievous suggestions.

May, after all their *baffled Attempts*, they would now *babble* in some of you to do their *drudgery* to embroil this Honourable City, (consequently the *Nation*) that whilst the *waters* are troubled, these *Roman Fishers* (*Peters pretended Journey-men*) may *angle* for *Gudgeons*, and snap your unwary *Episcopal Traws*, into the jaws of their *hatalian Leviathan*.

I am confident, that as you have been generally Educated under, so you are justly zealous for affecting the *Establisht Government*; for certainly, the *Church of England* on its true Basis, is the best (I wish we might not say *inglely*) But-work in the world against *Popery*. Let me therefore prevail with you, rightly to learn, and conscientiously to observe the *Doctrines* of our *Church*, and then to be so discreet, as not to close with her *Enemies*, though never so hand-

handsomely disguised ; nor to be inveigled by Trepanning Arts ; accidentally to weaken, what you would willingly corroborate.

Being none of the *Cabal* ; I cannot specific the *particulars* of what so lately they would have put you upon ; this I shall onely say. That according to the best information I have had , it was not truly a *Papish Intrigue* ; but might have proved nothing inferior in its consequences ; to many of their designed *Rogaines*. To express your hatred of *Rebellion* by burning the *Kings* (though contrary to Law, which forbids the revival of such *slug*) might possibly pass for an innocent Boyish Adventure : but pray consider who egg'd you on? Who were the black Gentlemen that paid your *Recknings*? Do you think they had no farther design in it? What real reason had you to do it now, rather than at any time these-twenty years past ? Why must you be arrayed in *Military order*? Why steel your *Masters Arms*? Why demolish *Meeting-Houses* in such a tumultuous manner? Might you not by the same Law have pluck'd down our *Churches* too ? was not the hand of *Josh*, the finger at least of the *Jesuit* in all this? Could it have been accomplished without *Confusion*, perhaps (say; most likely) *Blood*? And if in that distinction, your *unjustifiable Actions* could not have compleated their aim, would they not have left you to the *Laws* to suffer both the *pain* and *Scandal* of being *Hang'd* for *Rebellious Rioters*? When you had begun, how easie was it for *French and Irish Cut-throats*, *Papish Incurious*, common *Thieves*, necessitous *Bullies*, and all the *Tribe of Hell* to have struck in ? For whose *Rapines* and *Violencies*, you onely should have born the *blame*, and where do you think such a torrent of desolation would have stopt? But sure you that were *swaddled* into such a base foolish attempt, are already sufficiently *ashamed* on't. I shall not therefore *upbraid*, but onely give you some due Caution and Advice, for your better escaping such dangerous *Deceivers* for the future.

1. Their *common Base* is *lessening*, if not wholly denying the *Papish Plot*, and aggravating the dangers to be expected from *Presbyterians*. As to this, you may satisfy your selves, and answer them, that the *Papish Plot* is convincingly prov'd and declared by *Kings*, *Lords*, and *Commons*; but of any ill Designe from *dissenting Protestants*, as it would be no less imprudent than wicked for them to harbour any, being the most *certain* and *expeditious* course for their own *Raize*, so there is not the least *proof* in the world made of any such matter, unless we shall take *Madam Cellier's Meal-tub* for Evidence, and *Papish Pamphlets*, or amus'd half-witted Protestants *Tavern-Rants* for Demonstrations. If these *Exclaimers* know of any *Presbyterian* carrying on any Plot against the King's life, and the Kingdoms peace and safety, why do they not *discover* and prosecute him, as Dr. *Oates* and others did the *Papists*? But if they do not know any such thing, why is all this *Whispering*, nay loud *Clamours*? for nothing in the world but to divert the Governments Eyes another way, and divide Protestants with Jealousies and Animosities, that they may still proceed in their own Plot, and destroy them singly, which would have been too strong for them *junctly*.

2. 'Tis of late become almost Proverbial with some people —— *I had rather be a Papist than a Presbyterian*. But for Gods sake, Gentlemen, what necessity is there (unless your selves make it) that you must be either? Yet suppose there were, do you think that those that thus conclude, are in good earnest Sons of the Church of *England*? Consider a little, whether the *Papist* or the *Protestant Dissenter* stands at greatest distance from her. The *Papist* damns her for *all Heretick*, affirms her Ministry to be *none*, her *Sacraments* to be void, nay, allows not *Salvation* to *any one of her Members*, obtrudes Blasphemies and Idolatries upon us, robs us of the Word of God, &c. On the other side, the *Dissenter* freely joyns in the *same Faith* with the Church of *England*, approves of *all her Articles*, and most actively affests them, onely scruples certain *Rites* and *luxurious Ceremonies*; and yet even in that with a little *condiscen-*

*for and good cause, now cannot be diffidlye reasonably, to Now which of these is to be prefer'd or indulg'd by the Church of England, is easie to judge, & hys to speake freely, since that Presbyterianes agree with the Church of England in Doctrines, (which is the Seal of any Church, the Keape of Religion) and onely conteyn certaine of her heretofore Circumstantiall Doctrines, (which are but like Gases, & have their own apperatione, indifferent, and variable in mode at pleasure,) and since all Doctrines ought to be taken from the greater and better part, I see not why the Presbyterianes should not be accounted and called *Members of the Church of England*.*

Si. Friendes whereof consider who they generally are that make these detestable *Instruments* persons for the most part of a most detestable Generation, such as give no other demonstrations of their acknowledging a God, but by their profaning his holy Name with Oaths and Extravagant vaine ostentation of their affection to the Church, but deluding the *Confession of Romane* in drunkensolicks. How horrid and yet how frequent. Wist thou hear a blasphemous Hell-hound cry out, *God damn me!* I am for the Churche of England, boy. Now can it be imagined that such an *Incurse* Devil is of any Religion at all? For my own part, as I was bred with Education first under my noble Loyal Father, and since with a Master whom this Generation affords not yond more zealous lover both of his King and of Episcopacy, so I gladly own and boast it my happiness to be an obedient Son of the Church of England. But whence haue such swarms of Irreligious Russions and immoral Brutes, pretended to that same Title, did I not know that she abominates the lewdness of that *swineherd*, I should be halfe ashamed to ask her Blessing. But I am satisfied therin she has no kindnes for their Practices, so they haue none for her holy Doctrines and righteous Confessions, but thidde are her most real Enemies. Therefore learn to avoid the temptations of such graceless Companions, and hearken not to their insignificant clamours. You are many of you the Sons of Gentlemen, and all of you haue been bred up Peircethoughs, will you turn Rebels, disturb the Government, wrong your Neighbours, contynue the guilt of Murder and Treason, and hazard both your *Netherland Shirts*, and all this onely to humoure a company of *Debauchees*, and promote the cursed Designs of Jesuitical Traitors? Will you be accesorarie to the Ruine of the Protestant Religion, and enslave your selves and your Posterity to the domineering power of a villanous Popish Priest? Rather learn truly to understand the Excellency and Beauty of the Protestant Faith, read the Scriptures diligently, and keep upon your spirits a reverend Awe of God and Religion, that it may influence your Lives and Actions, this will make you Christians in earnest, worthy Sons of the Church, and a glory to your Mothers, this will make you Loyall Subjects, and good Neighbours, truely Servants, and Honest men; this will preserve you both from Poverty and Fanaticism here, and from Hell hereafter, which is the cordial desir and prayer.

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